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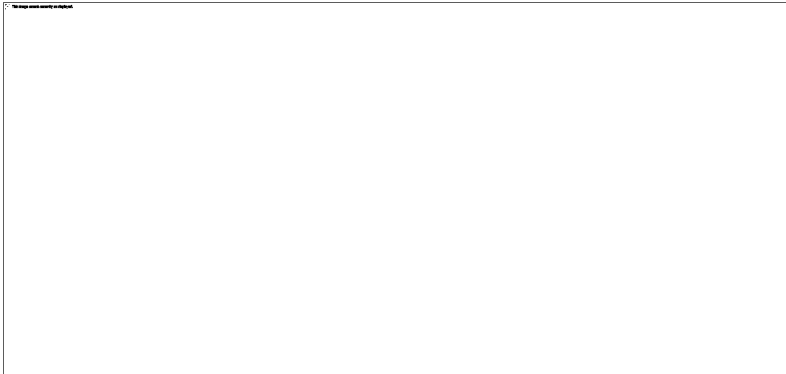
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Subject: FW: FYI - FW: Dec 12 Tribal Consultation: PCB Use Authorization

Hello-

I wanted to make you all aware of this opportunity, if you weren't already. I also just passed this on to my supervisor to send to our regional Tribal Coordinator. Feel free to share with anyone you think may be interested. Sorry for the late notice, I only got notification late yesterday.

EPA is hosting a tribal consultation briefing about the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) rulemaking effort on December 12, 2013. EPA is considering revisions to the regulations that authorize certain uses of PCBs. Details for call-in instructions are provided below.

<http://tcots.epa.gov/oita/tconsultation.nsf/x/AEC7A4599E0D1FD485257C1D007119CB?opendocument>



This is a great opportunity to consult and exchange information with EPA about potential regulatory approaches under consideration.

National Tribal Toxics Council Concerns about PCBs

- Significant contributions of PCBs to water bodies across the US originate from sources currently allowable by Federal regulations under the Toxic Substance Control Act.
- EPA is focused on closed and partially closed PCB applications during this consultation process, which does address the millions of pounds of PCB-contaminated liquid that remains in contained, but old electrical equipment.
- However, open applications of PCBs such as plasticizers like caulk, dyes, and flame retardants are in direct contact with their surroundings and thereby easily transferred to humans and the environment.
- Direct PCB contact with the environment, our foods, and our people is as great of a concern for open uses as it is for closed applications.

- It is time to ask EPA to eliminate all federal exclusions or exceptions for inadvertently-created PCBs, eliminate PCBs from all dyes, pigments, and ink and develop an action plan for addressing PCBs in the environment.

Learn more about PCBs in our lives at www.tribaltoxics.org under “Hot Topics.”